

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

## **Decision by Court.**

This action came before this Court for ruling as follows.

**IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that the court adopts the conclusions in the M&R [D.E. 23]. In sum, plaintiff's motion for judgment on the pleadings [D.E. 16] is DENIED, defendant's motion for judgment on the pleadings [D.E. 19] is GRANTED, defendant's final decision is AFFIRMED, and this action is DISMISSED.

**This Judgment Filed and Entered on April 12, 2018, and Copies To:**

Vaughn Stephen Clauson (via CM/ECF electronic notification)  
Keeya M. Jeffrey (via CM/ECF electronic notification)

DATE:  
April 12, 2018

PETER A. MOORE, JR., CLERK  
(By) /s/ Nicole Briggeman  
Deputy Clerk